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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Greta L. Robinson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 October 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application.
2. Claims 1-6 have been amended.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the first display means and contents data [note independent claims 1, 7 and 8] must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not

described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Regarding independent claims 7 and 8, the specification does not appear to define the term contents with respect to the limitation "distributing contents". The term contents data is defined as data such as music and movies [page 1]; but the specification does not appear to specifically state what is meant by the term contents. How is the contents different from the contents data?

Regarding independent claim 1, the limitation "*distinguishing means for distinguishing suffixes appended to contents data input by said input means*". It is unclear as to how the suffixes are appended to the contents data. How does the system analyze the contents data? Examples of suffixes are described on page 5 lines 2-3; but the disclosure does not appear to describe how the suffix is appended to contents data or how to distinguish between a *first suffix* and a *second suffix* see page 6 lines 8-15, page 4 line 16 through page 5 line 3. The limitations of independent claims 7 and 8 parallel claim 1; therefore they are rejected under the same rationale. Claims 2-6 are rejected based on dependency.

6. Applicant's arguments filed June 25, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In the remarks Applicant stated in response to the drawing objection cited under 37 CFR 1.83(a) that the first display means and the contents data are indicated throughout the Figures, and directs the examiner to Figure 8. The examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant. Applicant has not specifically pointed out the

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reference character or element that equates to the cited limitation; therefore the objection is respectfully maintained. Regarding the rejection cited under 35 USC 112 first paragraph, Applicant states the amendments to the claims render the rejection moot. The examiner points out that Applicant has only amended independent claim 1 to clarify that the apparatus is distributing "contents data", independent claims 7 and 8 contain similar limitation and were also rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph. Applicant did not appear to comment on the limitation "distinguishing means for distinguishing suffixes" or how to distinguish between a first suffix and a second suffix; therefore the rejection is respectfully maintained. Applicant's amendment of claims 2 and 3, however does overcome the rejection cited under 35 USC 112 second paragraph.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

IMS US Patent 6,560,618 B1

Britton et al. US Patent 6,279,030 B1

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greta L. Robinson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 9:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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